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1352-101-65

Mr. William F. Caton, Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Petition for Rulemaking to
Amend FM Table of Allotments
Channel 273C2, Wasilla, Alaska

Dear Mr. Caton:

On behalf of KMBQ Corporation, enclosed please find an original and four copies of a Petition for Rulemaking to amend the FM Table of Allotments to add Channel 273C2 to the FM Table of Allotments for Wasilla, Alaska.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



Amelia L. Brown

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In The Matter Of)	
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b))	MM Docket No.
Table of Allotments)	RM-
FM Broadcast Stations)	
Wasilla, Alaska)	

To: Chief, Policy and Rules Division

Petition for Rulemaking

KMBQ Corporation ("KMBQ"), pursuant to Sections 1.401 and 1.420 of the Commission's rules and by its attorneys, hereby requests that the Commission institute a rulemaking proceeding to amend the Table of FM Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's rules. Specifically, KMBQ requests that the Table of FM Allotments be amended so as to allocate Channel 273C2 to Wasilla, Alaska, as that community's second commercial channel. In support thereof, the following is stated:

Wasilla, Alaska is located approximately 43 miles north of Anchorage, Alaska. Wasilla encompasses approximately 11 square miles of land and .6 square miles of water. The 1990 Census figure for Wasilla

indicated that the population of Wasilla was 4,048. Wasilla is home to nine schools.

The famous Iditarod dog sled race begins its thousand-mile trek in Wasilla, where the race's headquarters are located. Wasilla is served by the Alaska Railroad on the Fairbanks to Seward route. Also, a 3,700 foot airport was completed in 1992, and is owned and operated by the City. Wasilla is an incorporated city with a mayor, city council, and its own police and fire departments. It has its own zip code. It has its own Chamber of Commerce and is home to civic organizations such as the Mat-su Women's Christian Club, Wasilla Rotary, Wasilla Lions Club and the Valley Women's Resource Center. Wasilla is home to two newspapers: The Frontiersman and The Daily News.

Wasilla is the largest town in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, which encompasses 24,694 square miles and 50,759 persons, according to the 1996 State of Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs certified report. The population of the Borough increased 122.7 percent between 1980 and 1990, according to the 1990 census data. Currently, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is the fastest growing community in the State of Alaska.

Only one other FM station, KMBQ(FM), is allocated to Wasilla. KMBQ is the licensee of that FM station. No reassignment of existing allotments is requested or proposed in this Rulemaking.

As the attached engineering study demonstrates, allocation of channel 273C2 to Wasilla can be accomplished with the imposition of a 5.7 kilometer, N.E., site restriction. As demonstrated in the Engineering Statement attached hereto, Channel 273C2 can be assigned to Wasilla, in full compliance with all the minimum mileage separation requirements from the current transmitter site for KMBQ(FM) (NL 61° 38' 03" x WL 149° 26' 25"). As stated in the Engineering Statement, that site will provide greater than 70 dBu coverage for all of Wasilla.

The allocation of channel 273C2 to Wasilla will provide Wasilla with its second local radio service, and is therefore in the public interest.

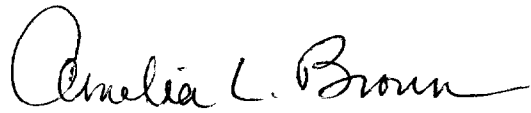
KMBQ will apply for an authorization to construct the new facility on channel 273C2 at Wasilla if the allocation is adopted by the Commission.

Accordingly, KMBQ respectfully requests that the Table of FM Allotments be amended as follows:

Community	Present Allotment	Proposed Allotment
Wasilla, Alaska	259C1	259C1 273C2

Respectfully submitted,

KMBQ CORPORATION



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ENGINEERING STATEMENT

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING TO
AMEND SECTION 73.202 OF THE RULES
AND REGULATIONS FOR THE FEDERAL
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
TO ASSIGN FM CHANNEL 273C2
FOR USE AT WASILLA, ALASKA

KMBQ CORPORATION

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ENGINEERING STATEMENT

This Engineering Statement has been prepared on behalf of KMBQ Corporation in support of a Petition for Rulemaking to amend §73.202 of the Commission's Rules to assign channel 273 C2 for use at Wasilla, Alaska.

As outlined in the attached channel study, channel 273 C2 can be assigned for use at Wasilla with a 5.7 kilometer site restriction to the northeast in compliance with the Commission's applicable Rules and Regulations regarding the separation among FM allotments. For this study the transmitter site coordinates for KMBQ(FM) 99.7 MHz at Wasilla (NL 61° 38' 03" x WL 149° 26' 25") have been used. This site is 5.9 kilometers from the Wasilla reference coordinates (NL 61° 34' 53" x WL 149° 26' 22"). The nominal distance to the 70 dBu F(50,50) contour for a Class C2 station is 32 kilometers; therefore, this site will provide greater than 70 dBu coverage for all of Wasilla.

Hatfield & Dawson Consulting Engineers

Seattle, WA

FM SEPARATION STUDY

Job Title :NEW WASILLA FM

Separation Buffer 100 km

FCC DB Date : 05/23/97

Channel 273C2 (102.5 MHz)

Coordinates : 61-38-03 149-26-25

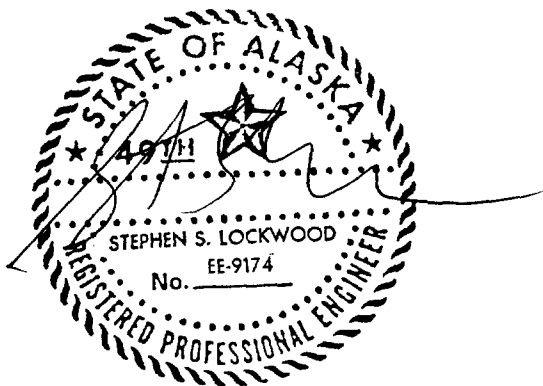
Call Status	City State	FCC File No.	Channel Freq.	ERP(kW) HAAT(m)	Latitude Longitude	Bearing deg-Tru	Dist. (km)	Req. (km)
K220CA LIC	Fort Richardson AK	BLFT870721TB	220D 91.9	.082 .0	DA 61-11-50 149-45-25	199.3	51.55 .00	0 TRANS
TRANSLATOR FOR KATB, ANCHORAGE, AK.								
K220AL LIC	Girdwood AK	BLFT840924MZ	220D 91.9	.052 .0	DA 60-57-12 149-06-03	166.4	78.03 .00	0 TRANS
TRANSLATOR FOR KSKA, ANCHORAGE, AK								
KKRO LIC	Anchorage AK	BLH930329KB	271C3 102.1	24.5 -48.0	61-09-58 149-49-34	201.7	56.09 .09	56 CLOSE
KKRO CP	Anchorage AK	BPH960111IQ	271C3 102.1	23.0 25.0	61-07-12 149-53-43	203.2	62.26 6.26	56 CLOSE
K272DG LIC	Seward AK	BLFT930111TA	272D 102.3	.250 .0	DA 60-07-32 149-25-50	179.8	168.11 .00	0 TRANS
Translator For KPENFM, Soldotna, AK								
KIAKFM LIC	Fairbanks AK	BLH960619KA	273C 102.5	55.0 494.0	64-52-45 148-03-14	10.3	368.36 119.36	249 CLEAR
KMXS LIC	Anchorage AK	BLH940908KC	276C2 103.1	27.0 -55.0	61-08-13 149-50-06	201.0	59.30 1.30	58 CLOSE

** End of separation study for channel 273C2 **

CERTIFICATION

This Engineering Statement supporting a Petition for Rulemaking to revise the Table of Allotments to specify channel 273 C2 for use at Wasilla, Alaska has been prepared on behalf of KMBQ Corporation. All representations herein are true to the best of my knowledge. I am an experienced radio engineer whose qualifications are a matter of record with the Federal Communications Commission. I am a staff engineer in the firm of Hatfield & Dawson Consulting Engineers and am Registered as a Professional Engineer in the States of Washington and Alaska.

June 18, 1997



Stephen S. Lockwood, P.E.

Hatfield & Dawson Consulting Engineers